

REMARKS


In response to the Office Action of March 9, 2005, reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks and the allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,732,703. In response, a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith and signed by the undersigned attorney of record. Correspondingly, the withdrawal of this rejection and the allowance of claims 1-26 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this response, he is invited to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution and work out any such issue by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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